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ZACHERY JENSEN AND WILMER BLETZ OPERATED A LONELY LIGHTHOUSE TOGETHER... BUT WHEN JENSEN KILLED BLETZ IN COLD BLOOD, THE LIGHTHOUSE RAY OF WARNING BECAME A RAY OF DEATH!

LIGHTHOUSE of HORROR

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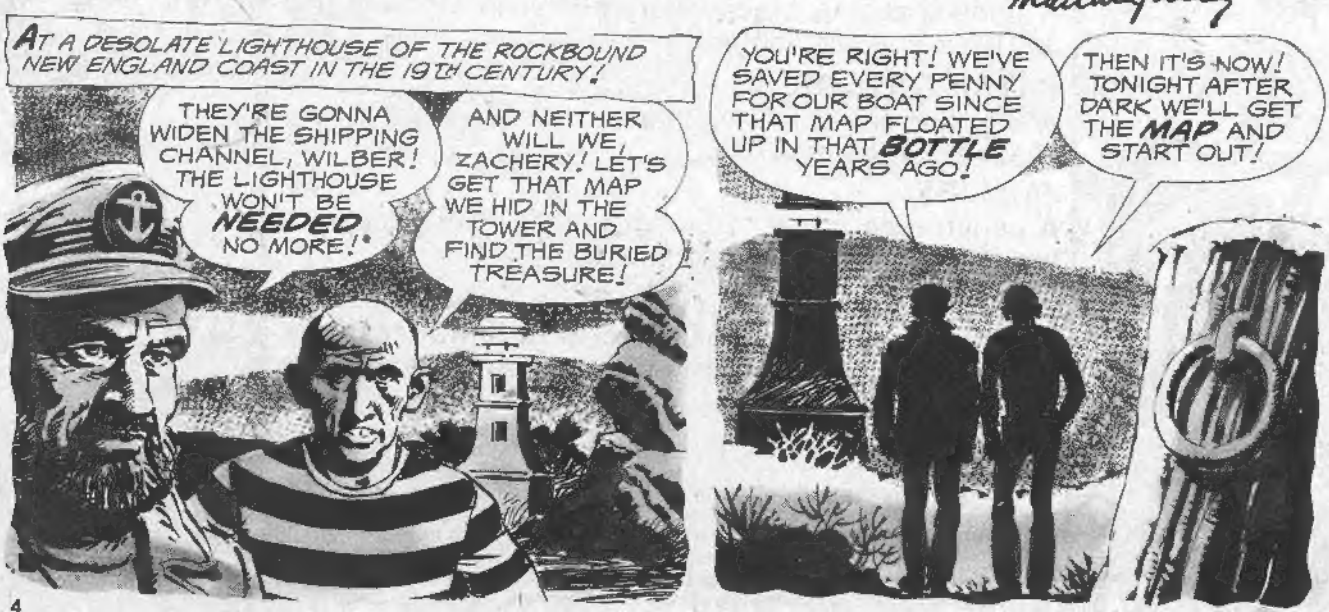


AND THAT NIGHT...
EASY WITH THAT LAMP, WILMER! WHAT WITH THE LIGHTHOUSE OFFICIALLY CLOSED WE'D BETTER NOT BE SEEN!
IT'S THE CHANCE WE TAKE, ZACKERY! LET'S GO IN!
OKAY, TAKE THE LAMP AND LEAD THE WAY!
WE'RE CLIMBING THIS LADDER FOR THE LAST TIME WILMER!
RIGHT, ZACHERY!
HEH-HEH! THE MAP!
LET'S GO, ZACHERY, I'VE WAIT'ED YEARS FOR THIS!
YOU CAN WAIT AN ETERNITY, WILMER! THE WHOLE TREASURE WILL BE MINE!
AAAAAAA
ONLY A FOOL WOULD SHARE A TREASURE, WILMER! GOOD-BYE, MY FRIEND! HA! HA! HA!
AAAAAA
YOU!!... PAY FOR... THIS ... ZACHERY... I'LL... SEE TO... THAT! AGGGRRAA!
HEH-HEH-HEH! DIE, WILMER! DIE!

ARMED WITH THE BLOOD-DRENCHED TREASURE MAP, THE DIABOLICAL JENSEN SETS SAIL FOR THE DISTANT TROPICAL ISLE MARKED ON THE MAP!
HA-HA! MY OWN SHIP AND SOON MY OWN FORTUNE!
BUT AS THE GLOATING MURDERER TURNS, HE IS GREETED BY A HIDEOUS SIGHT... INVISIBLE TO OTHERS!
I... WHAAA--! NO! IT CAN'T BE!
YOU'RE DEAD I SAY! I KILLED YOU MYSELF!
CAPTAIN'S GONE OFF HIS NUT! HE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!
MAD AM I! I KILL MUTINEERS! ANY-BODY ELSE CARE TO TAKE OVER MY SHIP!
NO... SIR, CAPT'N!
THEN BACK TO POSITIONS BEFORE I TOSS YOU TO THE SHARKS! THERE'S A TREASURE TO BE HAD! BY ME! HA-HA-HA!
JENSEN'S SAVAGE BRUTALITY KEEPS THE MEN IN HAND AND THE LONG VOYAGE NEARS COMPLETION! BUT THE WEIRD AND LURID VISION CONTINUES TO PLAGUE HIM!
LAND! WE'RE NEARING THE ISLAND! WHAAAA! NO! KEEP AWAY FROM ME, BLETZ! AIEEEE!

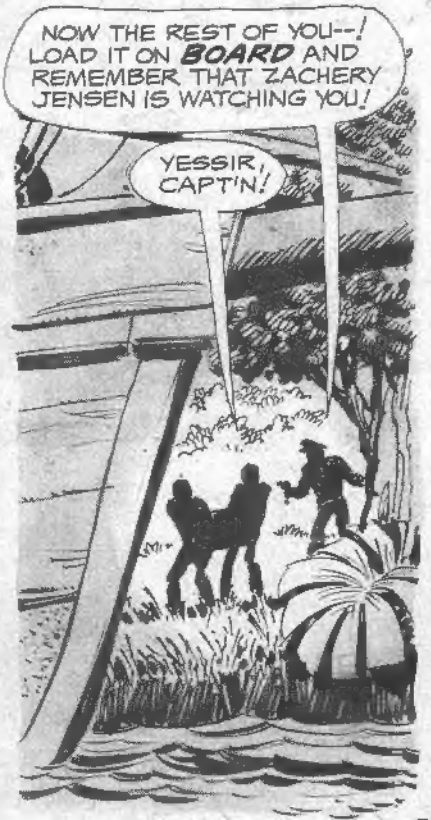
THE GHOST OF WILMER BLETZ SLOWLY, METHODICALLY DRIVES JENSEN INSANE! BUT THE CRAZED MURDERER PLODS FORWARD, UNTIL HE REACHED HIS FATEFUL GOAL!
THAT'S IT! WE'VE FOUND IT! WAIT! I'LL DIG IT UP!

HA-HA-HA! I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN AMERICA! THE TREASURE IS MINE!

I... NO! KEEP AWAY! YOU'RE DEAD, BLETZ! DEAD!

YOU'RE JUST OVERTIRED, CAPT'N! HERE... LET ME LEND YOU A HAND!
KEEP AWAY FROM THAT CHEST!

THE TREASURE IS ALL MINE I SAY! DEATH TO THOSE WHO MOVE TOO QUICKLY!


NOW THE REST OF YOU--! LOAD IT ON BOARD AND REMEMBER THAT ZACHERY JENSEN IS WATCHING YOU!
YESSIR, CAPT'N!

AND AS THE LAST REMAINS OF ZACHERY JENSEN AND HIS VESSEL SINK BENEATH THE WAVES, THE STRANGE BEAM OF LIGHT FLICKERS OUT... AS A MURDERED MAN'S REVENGE IS COMPLETE!

THE END

GHASTLY BEYOND ALL BELIEF ARE THE BLACK MYSTERIES OF AFRICA! ALICE DANE NEVER PRIED INTO THEM! SHE WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM! NO ONE BELIEVES NOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER! BUT HERE IT IS-- THE STORY OF PETER AND ALICE DANE, AND...

THE WITCH DOCTOR

THE WEIRD THING BEGAN WHEN YOUNG PETER DANE WAS ASSISTANT TO THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER IN THE SMALL JUNGLE VILLAGE OF BOMA!

NATIVES ARE SURE EXCITED THESE DAYS, COMMISSIONER! WITCHCRAFT STUFF! OUGHTN'T WE STOP IT?

LET THEM ALONE, DANE!

SUCH THINGS ARE NOT FOR THE WHITE MAN, DANE--***DON'T PRY INTO THEM!***

O.K., COMMISSIONER!

BUT I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

BUT, AS THE LIGHT OF THE AFRICAN MOON POURED DOWN AT MIDNIGHT...

THERE THEY GO TO THEIR MEETING PLACE... GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL THEY DON'T SPOT ME!

A SECRET RITUAL--TABU FOR THE EYES OF A WHITE MAN!

THAT'S THE WITCH DOCTOR GETTING READY FOR A SACRED DANCE!

The MAGIC POTION WAS BREWED...

DRINK THE SACRED BREW... THEN DANCE, AND THE DEVILS ALL WILL BE FRIGHTENED AWAY FROM US!

IT'S THE ***LEOPARD DANCE...*** I'LL BE THE FIRST WHITE MAN EVER TO SEE IT!

the DREAD AND TERRIBLE LEOPARD DANCE! THE NATIVE DRUMS SOUNDED THEIR FRANTIC RHYTHM, AND...

DANCERS WITH LEOPARD SKINS OVER THEM! BUT WAS THE MOON-LIGHT PLAYING TRICKS WITH DANE? SUDDENLY..
WHY... WHY THEY'VE TURNED INTO LEOPARDS! OH-OH-- I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!
MASTER, LOOK- WHITE MAN!

DANE BOLTED... AND AS HE PASSED THE LITTLE DAIS...
ACCURSED WHITE MAN!
THE MAGIC BREW! MIGHT AS WELL TAKE SOME AS A SOUVENIR! HA! HA!

AND AS DANE FLED...
IMPIOUS WHITE MAN! THE BLACK CURSE OF THE JUNGLE WILL BE UPON YOU!

AFTER THAT, DANE RESIGNED HIS POST AND WENT TO THE NEAR-BY SEAPORT OF NARABA! HE STILL HAD THE GOURD HE HAD STOLEN... AND ONE NIGHT...
WONDER WHAT THE STUFF WOULD TASTE LIKE?

THE AFRICAN MOONLIGHT WAS BRIGHT IN HIS WINDOW, LIKE A SIREN LURE...
JUST A SIP COULDN'T HURT ME...

HIS HEAD SWAM MADLY... AND IN ANOTHER MINUTE---
WHY... WHY... AAGHRR-R!

THEN... A GHASTLY METAMORPHOSIS!
THE MOONLIGHT BECKONS... AND I MUST ANSWER THE CALL OF DEATH!

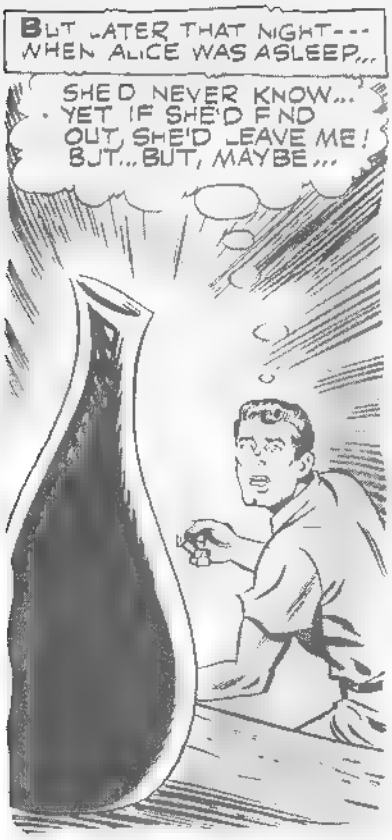
A HORRIBLE HUMAN BEAST! BUT THERE WAS A CUNNING IN HIM, SO THAT HE FLED UP INTO THE STEAMING JUNGLE...
A LION! HE DARES TO SNARL AT ME! AGGHHRR!

AND THEN WITH INHUMAN STRENGTH...
HA! HA! HA! HA!

SUDDENLY... LIKE A FIRE BEING QUENCHED...
OHH-H! THE DRUG'S WEARING OFF... I'M CHANGING BACK---

NOW, A WILD TERROR WAS UPON HIM...
GOT TO GET BACK TO MY HUT!

PETER DANE TOLD HIMSELF THAT HE WOULD THROW AWAY THE WITCH-BREW! BUT HE DIDN'T, AND THE NEXT NIGHT...
NO! NO! I WON'T DRINK IT... I WON'T!!
But... HE DID, AND...
THE NIGHT AWAITS ME! HA! HA! HA!
THAT NIGHT... AND ANOTHER... LIKE A DRUG ADDICT NOW! PETER DANE HAD NO JOB! HIS MONEY WAS GIVING OUT... AND ONE EVENING...
THERE'S THE U.S. CONSUL, AND HIS DAUGHTER...* MAYBE I COULD GET A JOB IN THE CONSULATE!
CAFE
IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, HE RESISTED HIS GHASTLY, EVIL TEMPTATION, AND...
FATHER SAYS YOU'RE DOING FINE IN THE OFFICE, PETER!
I'M GLAD, DEAR!
I... I MUST NEVER TAKE THAT TERRIBLE STUFF AGAIN
their MARRIAGE CEREMONY WAS SMALL... DANE CHOSE A LITTLE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE ...
OH, PETER, I'M SO HAPPY!
SO AM I, DARLING!
THIS MOONLIGHT! THIS HORRIBLE MOONLIGHT... I-- I MUSTN'T!



BUT THERE WAS NO CURSE UPON THE BEAUTIFUL ALICE DANE... ONLY UPON HER HUSBAND.. AND SHE DID NOT CHANGE!

HE RAN OUT INTO THE MISTY TROPICAL HILLS...

GOT TO KILL HER!

AND THEN ATOP A CLIFF...

TOO BAD IT WOULDN'T MAKE YOU BECOME LIKE ME, ALICE! AND NOW YOU HAVE TO DIE!!

HELP! HELP! AAIEEE!

BUT, SUDDENLY...

NO HARM CAN COME TO HER PETER DANE! THE GREAT SPIRITS WATCH OVER HER... ALWAYS! BUT YOU...

WHA---?

WHY DID THE ROCKS, THERE AT THE BRINK, SUDDENLY CRUMBLE UNDER THE TREAD OF THE MONSTER?

YOU SEE? YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DOOMED, PETER DANE!

ARRRHHH!

THEN THERE WAS NOTHING THERE BUT THE BROKEN BODY OF PETER DANE..

OH, PETER... PETER!

AT DAWN, A PARTY OF HUNTERS FOUND THE BABBLING WOMAN--- HYSTERICAL IN HER TERROR!

WHY... IT'S MRS. DANE!

WHAT HAPPENED?

OH-- IT WAS HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE! YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME... NO ONE WOULD...

DARK AND TERRIBLE ARE THE BLACK MYSTERIES OF AFRICA! BEYOND THE BELIEF OF ANY WHITE MAN!

THE END!

GREED CAN LEAD YOU INTO STRANGE AND TERRIBLE PATHS....EVEN TO THE GRAVE...

DEADMAN'S HAND

ARE YOU HERE, EDWARD? HAVE YOU COME BACK....FROM THE DEAD? SPEAK! SPEAK!

MAGAGNO

ALICE KILLED HER HUSBAND! OH, IT WASN'T THE WAY YOU MIGHT EXPECT! EDWARD MILLWORTH HAD BEEN SICK FOR MONTHS! ALICE WITHHELD THE MEDICINE THAT KEPT HIS HEART BEATING! AND SHE FELT IT NEEDED A REST AFTER 81 YEARS!

THE BANK STATEMENT! HOW WONDERFUL! A MILLION DOLLARS! ....W-WHAT? $850,000 IN CASH WITHDRAWN SIX MONTHS AGO!

THAT OLD GOAT! HE CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! HE'S....HE'S HIDDEN THAT DOUGH SOMEWHERE! I'LL FIND IT! I'VE GOT TO!

BUT ALICE DID NOT FIND IT! THERE WAS ONE LAST CHANCE.... SHE REMEMBERED EDWARD'S INTEREST IN SPIRITUALISM AND PSYCHIC PHENOMENA....

WHAT CAN I LOSE? MAYBE I CAN CONTACT HIM, PLEAD WITH HIM TO TELL ME WHERE IT IS! IT CAN'T DO HIM ANY GOOD WHERE HE IS NOW!

A SEANCE WAS ARRANGED SECRETLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOST FAMOUS TRANCE-MEDIUM IN THE CITY! THE HOUR WAS LATE! IN THE STUDY OF HER LATE AND UNLAMENTED HUSBAND, ALICE WAITED...!

EDWARD! ARE YOU HERE? PLEASE SPEAK TO ME! TELL ME WHERE YOU HID THE MONEY! YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME!

I THINK I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT! I CAN SHOW YOU!

EDWARD!

IT WAS EDWARD, ALL RIGHT, WHAT THERE WAS OF HIM. HE SEEMED TO COME THROUGH THE DOOR OF THE CLOSET... JUST HIS HEAD AND HANDS

YOUR VOICE IS CLEAR, BUT I CAN SEE ONLY PART OF YOU!

BUT I CAN SEE ALL OF YOU, ALICE! MY PASSING DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN MUCH OF A TOLL!

OH YES, EDWARD! I-I'VE MISSED YOU...S-SO! I'VE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN! TO... .TO...

....TO ASK ME ABOUT THE MONEY? COME, TAKE MY HAND!

WITH THE MEDIUM STILL IN TRANCE, ALICE AND EDWARD JOINED IN THIS WEIRD REUNION, START UP THE STAIRS, HAND IN HAND!

HIS HAND IS LIKE ICE! BUT I MUST HAVE THAT MONEY! I MUST!

ALICE, MY DEAR! YOU'RE SHIVERING! ARE YOU FRIGHTENED?

OF COURSE NOT! WH-WHY SHOULD I-I BE FRIGHTENED?

HE LED HER DOWN THE UPSTAIRS HALL...

I MEANT FOR **YOU** TO HAVE IT ALL ALONG, MY DEAR! YOU SEE, I BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE BANKS AND WITHDREW MOST OF MY SAVINGS! I DIED BEFORE I COULD TELL YOU WHERE IT WAS!

....AND INTO THE VERY ROOM WHERE HE HAD DIED JUST TWO WEEKS BEFORE...

IF I COULD HAVE LIVED BUT A FEW MINUTES LONGER, YOU COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED...THIS TROUBLE!

B-BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I LOOKED! I LOOKED EVERY PLACE...I...

....EVERY PLACE EXCEPT WHERE ***YOU HID THE MEDICINE THAT WOULD HAVE KEPT ME ALIVE AWHILE LONGER!*** IF YOU HAD LOOKED BEYOND IT, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD THE MONEY! IT WAS THERE ALL THE TIME!

YOU KNEW! ***YOU KNEW! YOU OLD SKIN-FLINT! I'M GLAD YOU'RE DEAD! GLAD! DO YOU HEAR!?***

SHAKING WITH FEAR, THE SIGHT OF A MILLION DOLLARS GALVANIZED HER MUSCLES INTO DESPERATE ACTION! HUGGING THE MONEY TO HER BOSOM, SHE RAN TOWARD THE STAIRS...!

I HAVE IT! I'M RICH! YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW! YOU'RE DEAD! YOU'RE JUST A GHOST!...A HALF GHOST!

BUT EDWARD WAS WAITING FOR HIS WIFE ON THE LANDING!

YES, ALICE, JUST HALF A GHOST... ..BUT I HAVE MY TWO HANDS... THEY ARE ***ALL*** I NEED!

AAAHHH

THEN, ALICE, HER LIFE TAKEN FROM HER, FELL HEAD-LONG DOWN THE STEPS, HER PRECIOUS MONEY STREWN BEHIND HER! BUT IT DID NOT MATTER! SHE WOULD HAVE NO USE FOR IT WHERE SHE WAS GOING!

The End

THE VAMPIRE LIVES!

PARCHED FOR THE LIQUID THAT WILL SUSTAIN IT'S FIENDISH LIFE FOR 25 YEARS! THE VAMPIRE OF THE VILLA DI PINI APPEARS IN THE MOONLIGHT-- IN ALL ITS HORRIFYING AWESOMENESS!

NO, SIGNORA! THIS VAMPIRE IS REAL! THE SERVANT IS SAID TO HAVE HIDDEN HIS BODY... AND IT WAS THIS SERVANT WHO BECAME THE FIRST VICTIM OF HIS MASTER, WHO HAD TURNED INTO A VAMPIRE!
AND NOW--ABOUT EVERY 25 YEARS--THE VAMPIRE STIRS FROM HIS HIDING PLACE AND SEEKS A FEW VICTIMS TO REPLENISH HIS STRENGTH!
YOU MEAN, THIS VAMPIRE IS CONCEALED SOMEWHERE IN THE VILLA, AND WE'LL BE TAKING IT WITH US TO AMERICA?
WE'RE TAKING THE VILLA, LUIGI! GO TO WORK AT ONCE!

A CABLEGRAM ARRIVES AT THE CLUB OF ROBERT KNOWLAND, YOUNG MILLIONAIRE...
SHIPPING AN ENTIRE ITALIAN VILLA TO AMERICA?
IT'S NOT ELINOR'S DOING, DOC! IT'S HER MOTHER! I KNOW ELINOR MARRIED ME FOR MY MONEY! BUT I LOVE HER, DOC!
...AND HER MOTHER DROVE HER HUSBAND INTO BANKRUPTCY AND DEATH, YET--
I KNOW ELINOR'S DOMINATED BY HER MOTHER-- BUT I'M TRUSTING IN ELINOR'S INNER LOVE FOR ME!

MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE SEA!
SORRY, SIGNORA! I CANNOT TAKE THE BOAT OUT, THE VAMPIRE MAY WALK TONIGHT!
WE CAN GO BOATING ON THE LAKE ANOTHER NIGHT, MOTHER!
NO! I'LL SHOW YOU MONEY IS MORE POWERFUL THAN SUPERSTITION!

T-TEN THOUSAND LIRE TO TAKE THE SIGNORA AND HER DAUGHTER BOATING? SURELY THE SIGNORA JESTS!
DOES THAT LOOK LIKE A JEST? WHO WILL TAKE IT?

WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW TO THE POWER OF MONEY?
SIGNORA, SOMEBODY WILL DIE FOR THAT TEN THOUSAND LIRE!

LATER...
THERE'S OUR VILLA!
SIGNORA, WE HOPE WHEN YOU TAKE THE VILLA TO AMERICA, THE VAMPIRE WILL GO WITH YOU!

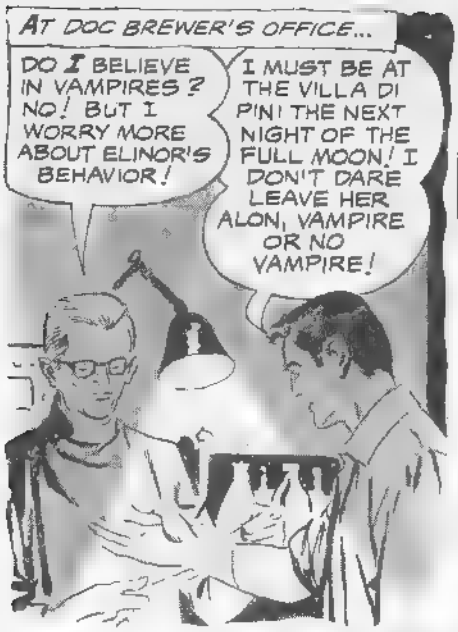
THE BOAT DOCKED, AND--
ALFREDO, I LEFT MY SHAWL AT THE BOAT-DOCK! GO BACK AND GET IT! WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU HERE!
B-BUT, SIGNORA, IT IS ALMOST HALF A MILE THROUGH THE DARK WOODS!

AT LEAST LEND ME YOUR LANTERN... SIGNORA!
WHAT IS THERE TO BE AFRAID OF? HOOT OWLS? OFF WITH YOU FOOL!

WITH LEADEN FEET, ALFREDO CREEPS, TREMBLING AT THE SOUND OF HIS OWN HEAVY BREATHING...
FOR MANY YEARS THE VAMPIRE HAS LEFT THE PEOPLE OF OUR VILLAGE ALONE! NOW PERHAPS THIS VOYAGE TO AMERICA MAY AROUSE HIM ONCE MORE!

(GASP!) T-THE VAMPIRE!
EAAA!
THE IDIOT PROBABLY TRIPPED OVER HIS OWN SHADOW! LET'S GO BACK TO THE INN!
IT'S HORRIBLE!
PROBABLY SOME WILD ANIMAL ATTACKED HIM!
LATER...
FORGET THE KILLING, ELINOR! THINK ABOUT LIVING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL VILLA BACK HOME!
NOTHING ABOUT THIS VILLA IS BEAUTIFUL! IT'S REPULSIVE-- FRIGHTENING I'M SORRY I EVER SAW IT
AS THE VILLA ACHIEVES VIRTUAL REINCARNATION ON THE BANKS OF AN AMERICAN RIVER...
BUT IF YOU WERE AFRAID OF THIS VAMPIRE LEGEND, WHY DID YOU BUY THE HOUSE?
MOTHER INSISTED!
ELINOR, IF YOU COULD ONLY BREAK AWAY FROM YOUR MOTHER!
HOW DARE YOU TURN MY DAUGHTER AGAINST ME? GET OUT!
SHE HAS NO RIGHT TO MAKE ROBERT LEAVE! HE PAID FOR THIS VILLA!
I'M GOING TO WALK AROUND AND DRINK IN THIS INTOXICATING BEAUTY!
AND AS MRS. LORDE WALKS AND EXULTS, THE FULL MOON GROWS BRIGHTER AND BLOODIER

AT THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, A CRACK APPEARS IN THE STATUE! AN EVER WIDENING OPENING...
A HAIRY HAND, WITH LONG CLAW-LIKE NAILS COME FORTH...
AND THEN THE KIND OF FACE ONE SEES ONLY IN NIGHTMARES...
BUT THIS IS NO DREAM! MRS. LORDE SHRINKS FROM THE BAT-LIKE SHAPE! HER EYES WIDEN WITH HORROR!
THE NEXT MORNING, THE LIFELESS BODY IS FOUND BY THE GARDENER...
VAMPIRE, MRS. KNOWLAND? THERE ARE NO VAMPIRES! THIS WAS DONE BY SOME MANIAC!
MAYBE THE KILLING CAN BE EXPLAINED! A MANIAC ON THE LOOSE...
THE NEXT DAY, AFTER THE FUNERAL!
I'M WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU! WHETHER THERE'S ANYTHING TO THIS VAMPIRE LEGEND OR NOT, I WANT YOU OUT OF HERE!
YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU? PERHAPS YOU HAD SOMEONE MURDER MOTHER...
YOU THINK THAT? YOU'VE EVEN BEGUN TO THINK LIKE HER!
I WON'T GO! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!
Y-YOU STABBED ME!
GET OUT! AND DON'T EVER COME BACK! I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU EVER AGAIN!


AT DOC BREWER'S OFFICE...
DO I BELIEVE IN VAMPIRES? NO! BUT I WORRY MORE ABOUT ELINOR'S BEHAVIOR!
I MUST BE AT THE VILLA DI PINI THE NEXT NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON! I DON'T DARE LEAVE HER ALON, VAMPIRE OR NO VAMPIRE!

THE MONTH PASSES SWIFTLY! THEN, ONE NIGHT...
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, DOC? YOU KNOW I WANTED TO BE AT THE VILLA IN TIME FOR THE FULL MOON!
COULDN'T HELP IT, BOB! MY PATIENT WAS PRETTY LOW! STOW THIS TRANSFUSION APPARATUS IN THE BACK OF YOUR CAR!

AT THE VILLA...
STRANGE! I THOUGHT I HEARD A SOUND ON THE TERRACE! THE SERVANTS WENT OFF FOR THE NIGHT!

AIEE!

STAY AWAY FROM ME! OH, H-HELP! HELP!

MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE...
THAT'S ODD, THAT STATUE IS OPEN! IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE HOLLOW?
LISTEN! A SCREAM! IT'S ELINOR!
EEIIII!

GOOD LORD, LOOK! IT'S A VAMPIRE!
NO, BOB! DON'T GO NEAR HIM! HE'S NOT HUMAN! NOBODY CAN FIGHT A VAMPIRE WITH MORTAL WEAPONS! TAKE THIS MIRROR! THE IMAGE OF HIMSELF IS SUPPOSED TO DRIVE HIM AWAY!

THE MIRROR WORKS ALL RIGHT HE CAN'T COME NEAR ME.
HE'S RUNNING AWAY.
ELNOR'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. SHE HAS A CHANCE IF YOU HURRY AND GET THAT INTRAVENOUS EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE CAR. I MIGHT SAVE HER LIFE WITH A BLOOD TRANSFUSION!
MINUTES LATER AND PE- GGING BLOOD STREAMS IN A SUSTAINING FLOW FROM HUSBAND TO WIFE.
YOU'D BETTER LIE DOWN TOO BOB. YOU GAVE UP AN AWFUL LOT OF BLOOD SAM. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT SPEAR?
ROBERT KNOWLAND APPROACHES THE HALF-OPEN STATE HIS MUSCULAR ARM DRAWS BACK THE SPEAR IS HURLED
OH, ROBERT--ROBERT, DARLING... I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU! BUT SOMETHING CAME OVER ME! IT WAS M-MOTHER'S BAD INFLUENCE!
YES I KNOW.
THEY SAY ONLY A STAKE THROUGH THE HEART CAN KILL A VAMPIRE! I'LL SOON FIND OUT!
VIEEEE!
NOTHING HERE BUT A HANDFUL OF DUST AND THIS BATRING
ROBERT! THE VAMPIRE! HE'S NO LEGEND! HE'S REAL!
HE WAS REAL DARLING HE'S GONE NOW--THERE'S ONLY YOU AND ME NOW--

GHOUL'S MANSION
AMOS BANTEEN WAS SHOCKED AND FRIGHTENED AT WHAT HE SAW THAT RAINY NIGHT...
OH! NO...

TERROR GRIPPED BANTEEN'S HEART, AND HE BOLTED FROM THE DILAPIDATED PORCH... AND HE DIDN'T STOP UNTIL HE REACHED JEDEDIAH LASH'S SMALL SHACK..

BREATHLESSLY, HE BANGED ON THE DOOR...

JED! JED... YA SNAKE! JED... LEMME IN!

COME IN...

I SEE'D HIM, JED.. SEE'D HIM WITH ALL THOSE DAID PEOPLE AROUN'!

I TOLD YA, AMOS! JEST LIKE AH SUSPECTED..

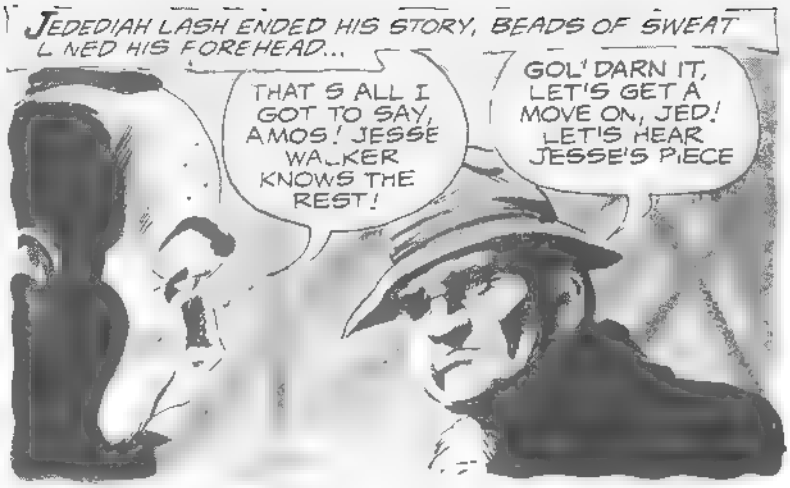
JEDEDIAH, SAT BACK IN HIS CHAIR AND BROUGHT BACK BLACK, UGLY MEMORIES...

HMMF! KIND OF FUNNY, THET WILKIE WATTS! A RIGHT LONELY CREATURE... ALWAYS THINKIN' HIMSELF HIGH AND MIGHTY! WE GOT HIM GOOD AMOS.. ETERNITY WAS ON OUR SIDE WHEN I SAW WILKIE THET NIGHT...

"THET NIGHT BY THE CEMETERY! RAININ' JUST LIKE IT IS NOW... WHEN I CAUGHT OLE WILKIE ENTERING THE CEMETERY..."

"I FOLLOWED HIM, AMOS! I WAITED, WATCHING HIM! THEN... MAH HEART FROZE CLEAR TO ICE! WILKIE WAS DRAGGIN' A BODY, GNAWED TO FILTH BY TIME... DRAGGIN' IT OUT OF A GRAVE..."

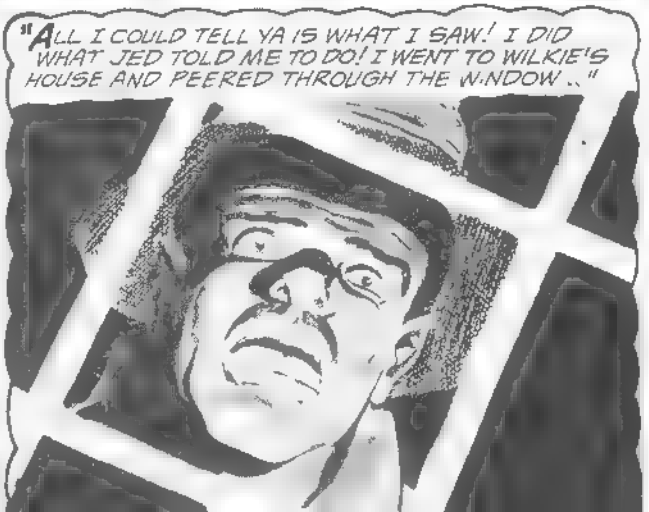
"HE DRAGGED THET BODY CLEAN OUT OF THE CEMETERY! I FOLLOWED HIM, AMOS, IT WAS JES' LIKE THE DEVIL A DRAGGIN' THET BODY..."


JEDEDIAH LASH ENDED HIS STORY, BEADS OF SWEAT LINED HIS FOREHEAD...
THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY, AMOS! JESSE WALKER KNOWS THE REST!
GOL' DARN IT, LET'S GET A MOVE ON, JED! LET'S HEAR JESSE'S PIECE

JED REACHED FOR HIS RAINCOAT HANGING ON THE WALL...
I'M WITH YA, AMOS! IF'N YA THINK...?
SURE... I THINK WILKIE WATTS IS CAVORTING WITH THE DEVIL!

JEDEDIAH LASH AND AMOS BANTEEN WALKED OUT INTO THE RAIN STAYING CLOSE TO EACH OTHER! SHORTLY, THEY REACHED JESSE WALKER'S HOUSE...

THE TWO MEN ENTERED THE HOUSE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU COME FER! WILKIE...!
AH TOLE AMOS MAH SIDE, JESSE!
'N AH KNOW'D WHAT I SEE'D TERNIGHT! LET'S HEAR, JESSE...


"ALL I COULD TELL YA IS WHAT I SAW! I DID WHAT JED TOLD ME TO DO! I WENT TO WILKIE'S HOUSE AND PEERED THROUGH THE WINDOW..."

"THERE WAS WILKIE, WORKING ON SOMETHING... A FIENDISH BLUE LIGHT MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE SOME SORT OF DEATH-LIKE AGENT..."

"I WAS ALL SET TO GO! SUDDENLY, MY EYE CAUGHT SOMETHING...AND I SCREAMED..."

"FOR THERE, SITTING RIGHT AS YOU PLEASE WAS A DEAD MAN... ITS FACE UGLY WITH DEATH! BUT IT WAS STANDING... AND BOWING... BOWING LIKE A SERVANT..."

"I LOOKED AGAIN... AND THERE WAS ANOTHER... STILL BOWING... LOWERING ITS HEAD TO WILKIE..."

JESSE WALKER WAS SILENT, HIS EYES WERE BLANK, AS THEY LOOKED UPON AMOS AND JEDEDIAH...
GULP!
OH LORD...

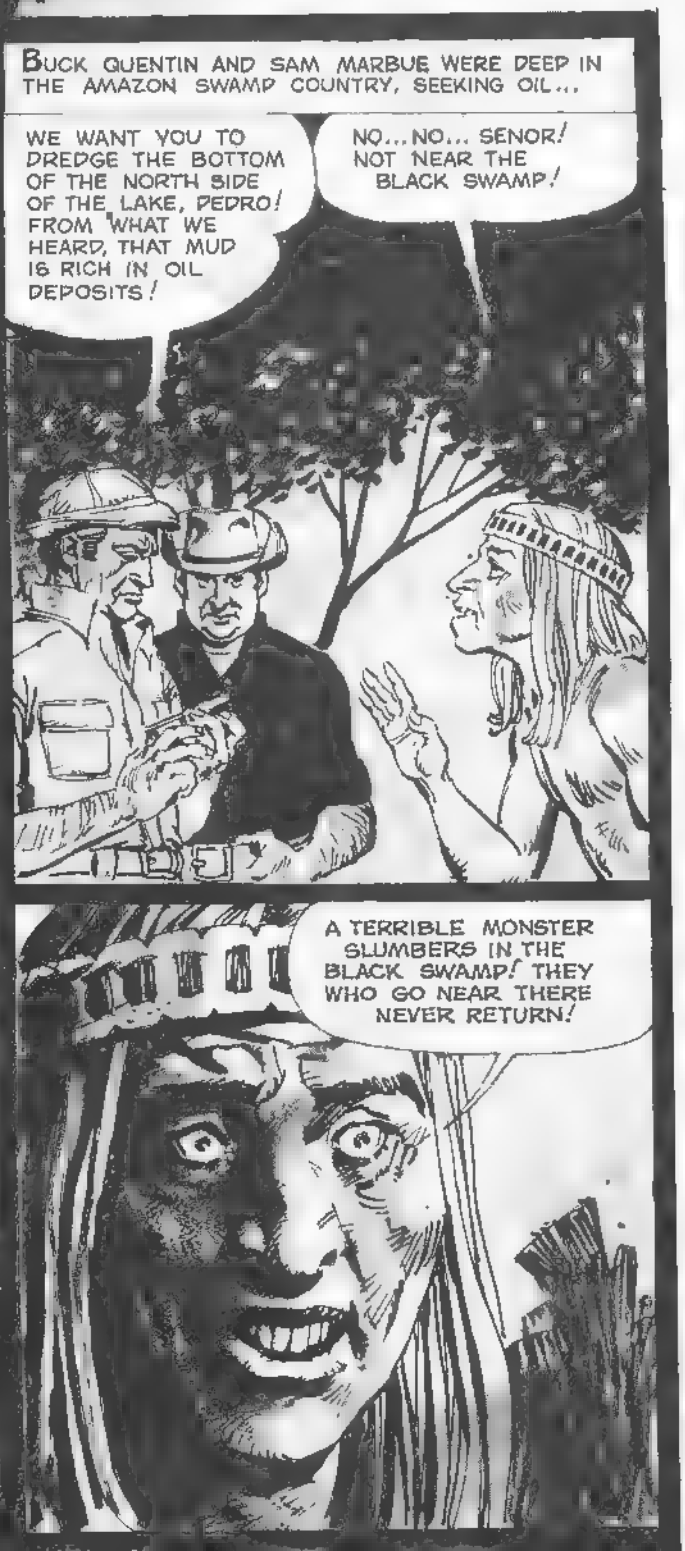
THEN JESSE WALKER WENT TO A NEAR WALL... WHERE THREE RIFLES STOOD...
AMOS...
AH... GUESS... SO...
I'LL TAKE MINE, JESSE!

THE THREE MEN WALKED OUT INTO THE RAIN! DOWN THE MUDDY ROAD TO WILKIE WATTS' RUN-DOWN MANSION...

THEY SLAMMED OPEN THE MANSION'S DOOR WITHOUT KNOCKING! THEY FOUND WILKIE WATTS IN HIS CHAIR...
THE DEVIL'S GOT YA, WILKIE! DEAD MEN SHOULD STAY BURIED!
WHA? I...I...! NO, NO! I WANTED COMPANY!
NO.. DON'T! I WAS LONELY! NO... PLEASE...! I WAS... LONELY...!
THE THREE RIFLES WENT OFF...
BAM
BAM
BLAM
WILKIE SLUMPED OVER DEAD!
THE THREE MEN TURNED, DETERMINED TO FACE THE DEAD! WHAT THEY SAW MADE THEM TREMBLE WITH FRIGHT...
BEFORE THEM WERE THREE DEAD MEN... STANDING IN FETID UPRIGHT POSITIONS... BUT HELD ALOFT BY AN ELABORATE PULLEY SYSTEM, THEIR SILENT HEADS WERE BOWED IN MUTED SERVILITY...
OH, WHAT HAVE WE DONE!!
HAVE... PITY...
FIN!

WE KNOW THAT THE AIR AND SEA AND SOLID LAND ABOUND IN A VARIETY OF CREATURES... BUT WHO CAN TELL WHAT HIDEOUS THINGS DWELL DEEP IN THE PUTRID OOZE OF THE SWAMPLAND?

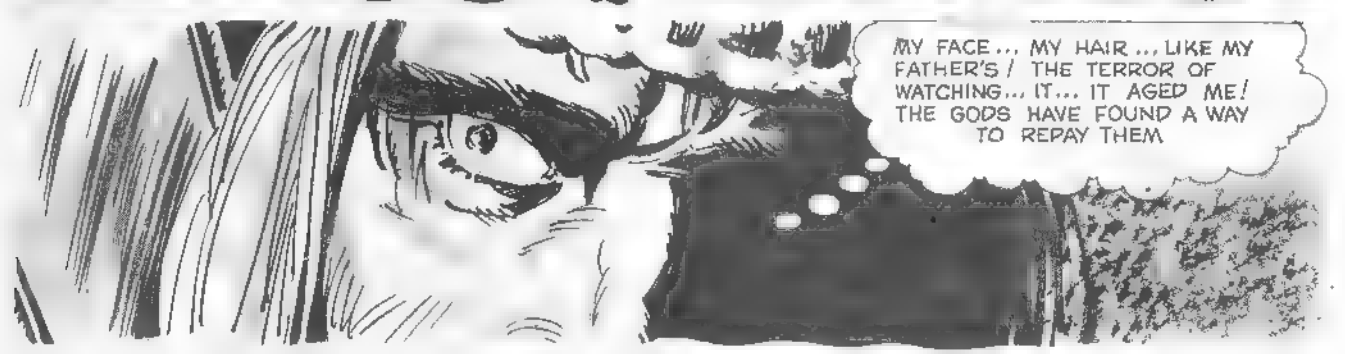
SWAMP CREATURE



NO STUPID NATIVE SUPERSTITION IS GOING TO STOP ME FROM CASHING IN ON THAT OIL!
YOU GO... YOURSELF!
SURE I WOULD... IF I KNEW THE WAY! GO OR I'LL BLOW YOUR BRAINS OUT!
ME NO GO... EVEN IF YOU KILL ME!
I'LL GET HIM TO GO! FELIPE! COME OUT HERE!
NOW... GET IN THAT CANOE OR I'LL FILL YOUR SON'S HIDE WITH LEAD! COMPREN'?
NO! NO! I... I... GO!
FATHER! LET THEM SHOOT ME!
THE BLACK SWAMP IS HOME OF THE MONSTER! DO NOT GO!
DON'T WORRY, MY SON! IF THEY SEND ME TO THE MONSTER, THE GODS WILL FIND A WAY TO REPAY THEM!
SOME TIME LATER...
YOU FOOL! WHY DID YOU LET HIM BREAK AWAY FROM YOU?
NO NEED TO SHOOT MARBUE! PEDRO'S PROBABLY ON HIS WAY BACK ALREADY!

FELIPE PADDLED FURIOUSLY TO REACH HIS FATHER, AND WHEN HE NEARED THE DREADED BLACK SWAMP...
FATHER! COME BACK! I AM FREE!
BUT EVEN AS PEDRO TURNED A QUIVERING MASS OF MUCK BILLOWED UPWARD AND .
FATHER! BEHIND YOU AAAHHH!
THE FIENDS! THEY SENT MY FATHER TO THE MONSTER!
HIS HIDEOUS HUNGER SATED, THE MONSTER SUNK BENEATH THE MARSH ONCE MORE, WHILE FELIPE WATCHED... UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE THE HORROR HAD WROUGHT ON HIM!
I MUST KILL THEM! IT IS NOT VENGEANCE ENOUGH ...BUT IT IS THE LEAST I CAN DO!

FELIPE WENT BACK TO CAMP, AND...
THE GUNS ARE NOT HERE... HOW CAN I KILL THEM WITHOUT A GUN?
SUDDENLY...
PEDRO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DID YOU GET THE MUD SAMPLES?
WH-WHAT? HE... HE CALLED ME BY MY FATHER'S NAME! THAT'S STRANGE!


MY FACE... MY HAIR... LIKE MY FATHER'S! THE TERROR OF WATCHING... IT... IT AGED ME! THE GODS HAVE FOUND A WAY TO REPAY THEM

YES SENOR, I HAVE THE SAMPLE! ONE MOMENT, AND I WILL BRING IT TO YOU!
SEE I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NOTHING BUT SUPERSTITION!
OUTSIDE...
THIS MUCK FROM THE WATER'S EDGE... I'LL DRENCH IT WITH OIL... AND WE'LL SEE HOW SILLY THE MONSTER IS!
SOON...
WHEW! RICHEST DEPOSIT I'VE EVER SEEN! WHERE IS THAT PEDRO? WE'LL GET HIM TO PADDLE US OVER AT ONCE SO WE CAN STAKE A CLAIM!

SOON...
HURRY, PEDRO... HURRY!
DO NOT WORRY, SENOR! YOU WILL GET THERE SOON ENOUGH... TOO SOON!
THAT'S STRANGE... THE CANOE YOU USED BEFORE... SMASHED.. WAIT .. YOU'RE NOT PEDRO! YOU'RE FELIPE!
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND WHERE IS YOUR FATHER ?
TURN AROUND ... AND YOU WILL SEE WHERE MY FATHER IS!

AAARR
RRRGGHH!!!

HA-HA! NOW YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS! AND YOU ARE JOINING HIM! HA-HA!
THE END

Witches REVENGE

THE TIME IS R.PE, MY LOVELIES -- THE T.ME S R.PE FOR THE LAST OF THE VILE NOONANS TO FALL FROM THE FAMILY TREE... AND THAT TREE WILL BEAR NO MORE FRUIT!

HEE-HEEEE!

WE WILL MAKE HIM MOULDER .N THE RISH EARTH, EH, SATAN?

FOR CENTUR ES, THE NOONAN FAMILY IN IRELAND TORTURED AND KILLED US -- BUT THE WEIRD POWERS OF A WITCH HAD TAKEN A TOLL OF THEM, TOO! MANY TIMES HAVE THE CHURCH BELLS TOLLED A NOONAN TO AN EARLY GRAVE! NOW, ONLY MICHAEL NOONAN REMAINS... THE LAST OF THAT CURSED BREED OF WITCH KILLERS...

...I WILL VANQUISH HIM HORRIBLY.

BOIL AND BUBBLE, YE BREWERS OF TROUBLE! WE LL MAKE HIM SUFFER... WE'LL MAKE H S PAIN DOUBLE!!

HEE-HEEEE!

AHH-H... GO EVIL ONE... GO SEEK M CHAE_ NOONAN IN AMER.CA -- BR NG H M TO HIS HOMELAND AND WE LL GIVE GIVE H M A WARM WELCOME!

HEE-- HEEE.

A SHORT TIME LATER, IN AN AMERICAN COLLEGE...

HE...HE'S RIGHT IN HERE, DOC... OH--HE'S GONE!
(PUFF-PUFF) MY... WHAT A DEVIL OF A MESS... SAY-- (PUFF) IS THIS A COLLEGE STUNT?

HE'S LEFT A NOTE... SAYS... "I MUST GO TO IRELAND--THE LAND OF MY ANCESTORS... DO NOT FOLLOW ME, THOMAS!"
LOOK! LOOK! WHY... THE BOY'S GONE MAD!

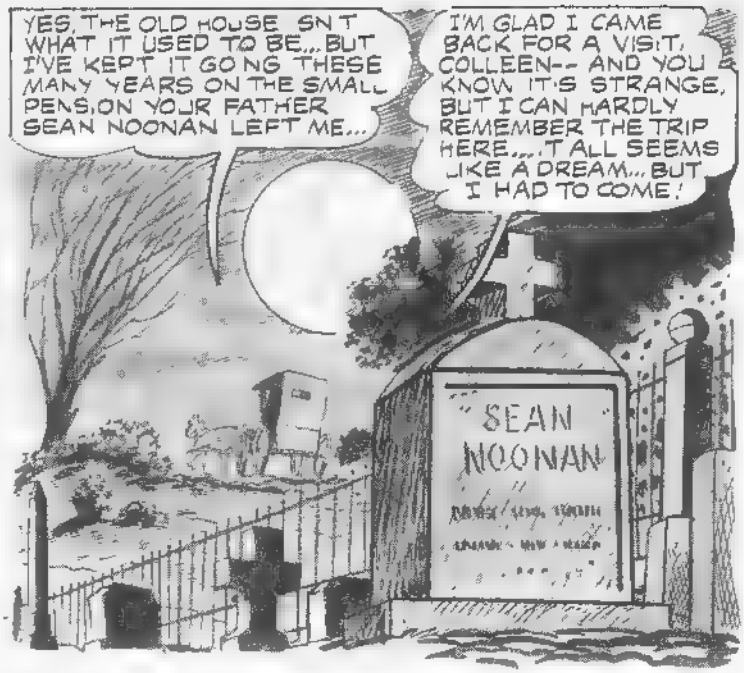
YES, I'M COMING... COMING...
FASTER! FASTER
MIKE.. MIKE COME BACK!
WHO'S THE LAD TALKING TO? THERE'S NO ONE THERE! HE'S MAD!

THAT PASSENGER IN SEAT ONE GIVES ME THE CREEPS! HE HASN'T SAID A WORD OR TAKEN A BITE TO EAT IN HOURS!
I KNOW... I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE LAND IN DUBLIN, AND WE'RE RID OF HIM! HE'S MADE EVERYONE UNCOMFORTABLE!

I KNEW WHEN MICHAEL NOONAN APPROACHED IRELAND! THE BLOOD IN MY VEINS RAN COLD AS SNAKES, AND IN THE WIND WERE THE EERIE VOICES OF DEAD WITCHES SCREAMING THEIR HATE FROM THEIR ANCIENT GRAVES WHERE THE HATED NOONANS HAD SENT THEM! I WENT TO GREET HIM...
WELCOME, MICHAEL NOONAN.. WELCOME TO THE LAND OF YOUR ANCESTORS! I HAVE A CARRIAGE WAITING...
YOU.. I REMEMBER YOU... I REMEMBER SOMETHING... YOUR VOICE... FACE...

NOW IT WAS TIME TO BREAK THE ENCHANTMENT! I HAD A MORE HORRIBLE FATE IN STORE FOR MICHAEL NOONAN... HORROR HE WOULD NOT FEEL IN A TRANCE SO...
SNAP!

WHY... WHY... I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE MY OLD NURSE COLLEEN! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD... MANY YEARS AGO!
NO, MICHAEL... YOUR OLD COLLEEN IS STILL ALIVE-- HEH-HEH-HEH!


YES, THE OLD HOUSE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... BUT I'VE KEPT IT GOING THESE MANY YEARS ON THE SMALL PENSION YOUR FATHER SEAN NOONAN LEFT ME...
I'M GLAD I CAME BACK FOR A VISIT, COLLEEN-- AND YOU KNOW IT'S STRANGE, BUT I CAN HARDLY REMEMBER THE TRIP HERE... IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM... BUT I HAD TO COME!
SEAN NOONAN

OF COURSE THE FOLKS AROUND HERE SAY THE OLD NOONAN MANOR HOUSE IS HAUNTED-- BUT I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE THESE MANY YEARS SO YOU CAN SEE IT'S NOT TRUE! PEOPLE ARE FOOLS...
CAN'T SAY I BLAME THEM, COLLEEN... THE OLD PLACE HAS GONE TO SEED... IT LOOKS LIKE A ROTTING COFFIN... SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE STAYED BURIED!

HOW DOES THE ROOM LOOK MICHAEL? OH YOU MUST MEET SAT-- I MEAN SADIE, MY CAT! SHE'S BEEN MY FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS; COME HERE... SADIE...
I CAN JUST ABOUT REMEMBER IT..

HERE SA... DIE. THIS IS MICHAEL NOONAN. THE ONE I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT... OH...
WEOOO
KWRRR
OW!! WHY YOU BLACK DEVIL!

I SLIPPED A POTION INTO HIS FOOD THAT NIGHT, AND THEN MICHAEL NOONAN STUMBLED TO BED WEARILY...
SOON YOU'LL FEEL THE ANCIENT FURY OF A WITCH AROUND YOUR NECK... AYE... YOU'LL DANCE A MERRY DANCE ONLY IT WILL BE A DANCE OF DEATH! HEEE-HEEEE!

OH-JH, GOOD MORNING, COLLEEN: GEE I HAVEN'T SLEPT LIKE THAT FOR YEARS... I SLEPT LIKE A DEAD MAN!
I'VE GOT YOUR BREAKFAST READY, MASTER MICHAEL-- THEN PERHAPS YOU'LL WANT TO WALK TO THE VILLAGE AND SEE HOW IT'S GROWN SINCE YOU LAST SAW IT!

AHHH! HE IS GONE... NOW IS THE TIME TO TRAP HIM! BUT I MUST BE CAREFUL... THE TOWNSPEOPLE DON'T FIND OUT THAT THE OLD HAG OF THE HILLS STILL LIVES.

I KNEW THE AGONY I WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER TO MAKE SUCH A VIOLENT TRANSFORMATION!! I SWALLOWED THE LIQUID FIRE AND IT SEARED MY THROAT HORRIBLY...

AHHH... THE TRANSFORMATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE! MY HANDS ARE SMOOTH AND WHITE, AND BEGINNING... TO LEAD NOONAN INTO THE TRAP, HA-HA-HA-HA!

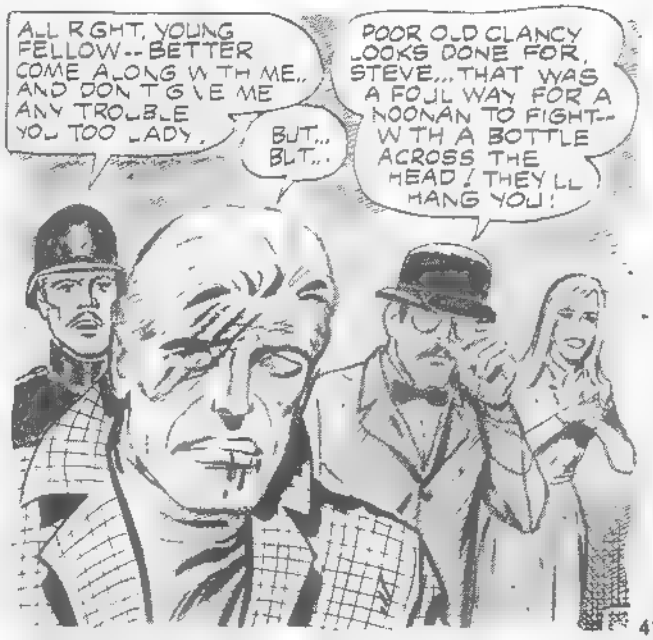
SOMETIME LATER...
YES, I REMEMBER THE OLD NOONANS... ESPECIALLY YOUR FATHER SEAN! THERE'S A MAN WHO WASN'T AFRAID OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?
TRY TO STEAL MY WALLET, WILL YOU, YOU YOUNG WITCH!
LET ME ALONE HELP! HELP ME SOMEONE!

OH, MY POOR WRIST... YOU'VE HURT ME..
LOOK HERE, THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT HER EVEN IF WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE!
KEEP OUT OF THIS, LAD... I'M NOT A MAN TO BE THREATENED; GET OUT OF MY WAY!

ALL RIGHT THEN! I'LL HAVE TO TEACH YOU WITH MY FIST!
HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO GET ME IN TROUBLE JUST BECAUSE I REFUSED TO GO OUT WITH HIM! OH, LOOK OUT!

OH, YOU'VE KILLED HIM.
BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU PICK A FIGHT WITH A NOONAN

HURRY, STEVE... OH-OH-- TOO LATE...
HE DID IT, OFFICER... OH, IT WAS TERRIBLE... HIT HIM WITH THIS BOTTLE ...LOOK AT THE BLOOD ON IT! POOR FELLOW NEVER HAD A CHANCE!


ALL RIGHT, YOUNG FELLOW-- BETTER COME ALONG WITH ME.. AND DON'T GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE YOU TOO LADY.
BUT... BUT...
POOR OLD CLANCY LOOKS DONE FOR, STEVE... THAT WAS A FOUL WAY FOR A NOONAN TO FIGHT-- WITH A BOTTLE ACROSS THE HEAD! THEY'LL HANG YOU!

IT WAS WORKING PERFECTLY... EACH ONE OF THE WORDS SENT MICHAEL NOONAN A STEP CLOSER TO THE GALLOWS...
...THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
HE...HE SNEAKED UP BEHIND POOR CLANCY AND HIT HIM WITH THE BOTTLE... OH IT WAS AWFUL... THE POOR MAN HAD NO CHANCE TO DEFEND HIMSELF!
SHE LIES! SHE LIES!
RESTRAIN THAT MAN!

MICHAEL NOONAN, IT IS THE DECISION OF THIS COURT THAT YOU ARE GUILTY! ON MARCH 13TH YOU WILL BE HANGED BY THE NECK UNTIL YOU ARE DEAD FOR THE FOUL MURDER YOU HAVE COMMITTED! TAKE HIM AWAY!

YOU! YOU... YOU WITCH! YOU'VE DONE THIS TO ME BY LYING! WHY? WHY HAVE YOU DONE IT?
YOU'VE GUESSED RIGHT... A WITCH HAS DONE THIS! YOU ARE GOING TO PAY WITH YOUR LIFE FOR ALL THE MISERY THAT YOUR FATHER'S FAMILY HAS BROUGHT TO MY PEOPLE... THE WITCHES OF IRELAND! WE HAVE BEATEN YOU! HAHAHA--HA HEE-EE!

BUT MY VENGEANCE WAS NOT COMPLETE...I HAD OTHER PLANS FOR MICHAEL AFTER HE DIED...
THERE HE IS, LADY!
GO AWAY, COLLEEN! I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME HERE!
NEVER MIND, MICHAEL! I BELIEVE IN YOU! HERE I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL TO EAT! YOU MUST KEEP YOUR STRENGTH UP!

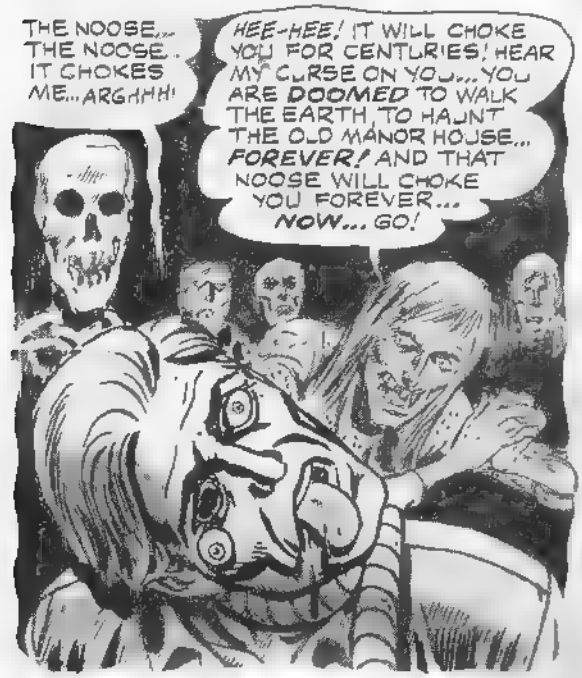
...THE DAY OF THE HANGING CAME..
FOR THE LAST TIME I TELL YOU I'M INNOCENT! I KILLED HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
PEACE BE WITH YOU, MY SON!

I PRONOUNCE MICHAEL NOONAN DEAD!
GOOD RIDDANCE!
LET HIM HANG UNTIL HIS COFFIN IS READY!

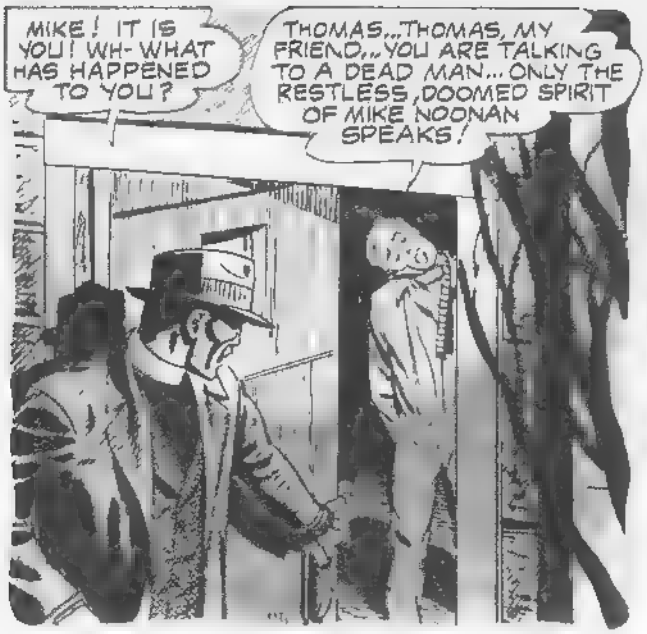
BUT SEVERAL HOURS LATER WHEN THE GUARD CAME TO CUT HIM DOWN...
SAINTS PRESERVE US... HE'S... HE-- HE'S GONE!

WHY AM I STILL WALKING THE EARTH? THE DOCTOR PRONOUNCED ME DEAD...I HEARD HIM!! BUT HOW CAN THAT BE?? SOMETHING...SOMETHING IS FORCING ME TO WALK!!

WHY AM I HERE?
WELCOME, MICHAEL NOONAN...WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU MY FRIENDS AND I! THEY LIKE YOU ARE DOOMED AND CURSED AND MUST WALK THE EARTH UNTIL THE END OF TIME OR UNTIL I RELEASE THEM AND I NEVER WILL!! YOU CAN SEE HOW EACH ONE OF THEM DIED! LIKE YOU... THEY'RE MY ENEMIES!


THE NOOSE... THE NOOSE. IT CHOKES ME...ARGHHH!
HEE-HEE! IT WILL CHOKE YOU FOR CENTURIES! HEAR MY CURSE ON YOU...YOU ARE DOOMED TO WALK THE EARTH, TO HAUNT THE OLD MANOR HOUSE... FOREVER! AND THAT NOOSE WILL CHOKE YOU FOREVER... NOW... GO!

BUT SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...
MIKE NOONAN... MIKE NOONAN...
MIKE NOONAN!


MIKE! IT IS YOU! WH-WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?
THOMAS...THOMAS, MY FRIEND...YOU ARE TALKING TO A DEAD MAN... ONLY THE RESTLESS, DOOMED SPIRIT OF MIKE NOONAN SPEAKS!

AND THAT'S MY STORY, THOMAS... DOOMED... DOOMED...
IT...IT'S INCREDIBLE! BUT I'M GLAD I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU--THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN HELP YOU...EH! WHAT WAS THAT?
HEE--HEEE! LISTEN TO THE FOOLISH MORTAL, SATAN!

LISTEN, EVIL ONE! IN THE NAME OF THE GOOD BOOK, I DEMAND YOU RELEASE MICHAEL NOONAN FROM YOUR UNJUST CURSE! SPEAK!
NO...NO! COME NO CLOSER TO ME! YOU MUST HANG HIM... HANG HIM...

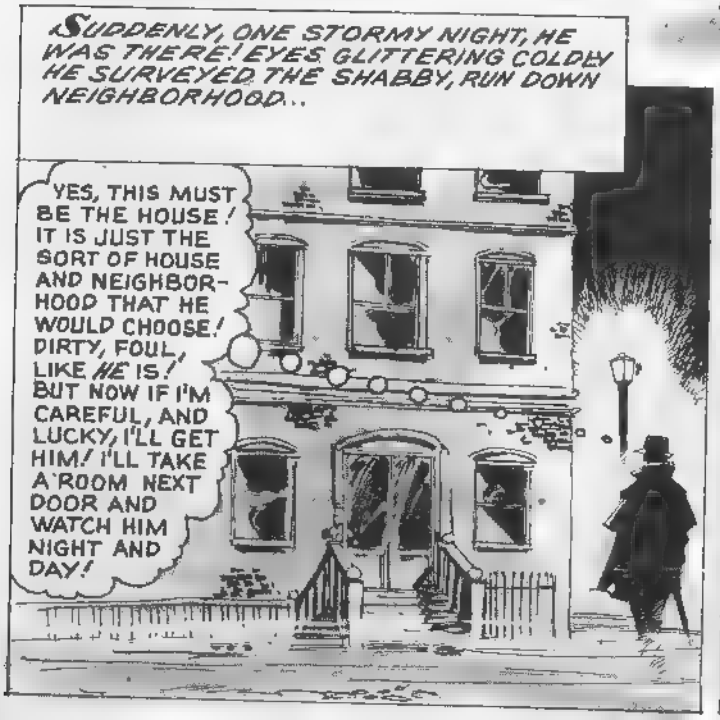
KEEP BACK... KEEP BACK KEEP BAAAHHHH!
PEACE BE WITH YOU, EVIL ONE! MAY THERE BE MERCY EVEN FOR YOU!

DO NOT GRIEVE, THOMAS! I AM BODILY DEAD... IT IS MY SPIRIT WHICH YOU MUST HELP ME LAY AT REST! I AM WEARY, THOMAS... WEARY! NOW YOU MUST HELP ME DO THE DEED... GOODBYE...

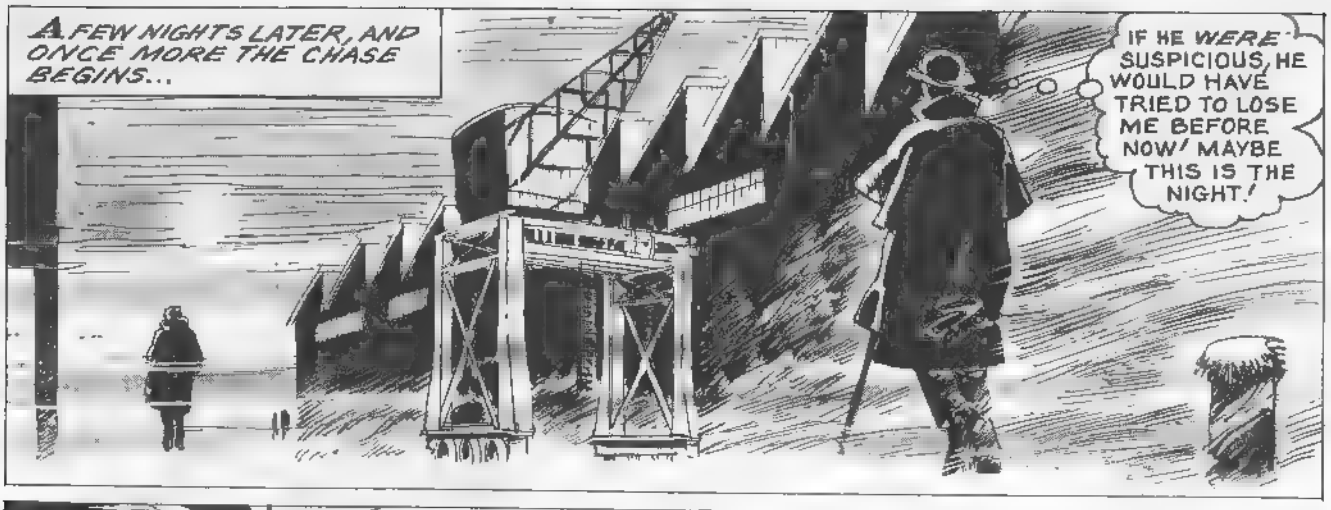
GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND...
THE END

FANGS of TERROR

WHAT STRANGE AND SINISTER MISSION BROUGHT THE SINISTER STRANGER TO TOWN? WHO WAS HE, WHENCE DID HE COME, WHAT DID HE WANT? HE KEPT TO HIMSELF, ALWAYS WATCHFUL, ALWAYS WAITING! TALL, GRIM, AUSTERE, HE WAS A MAN WHO WAS DEDICATED TO **DEATH!** HE FREQUENTED THE SORDID PARTS OF THE CITY, THE STINKING GARBAGE STREWN STREETS WHERE THE RATS, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE, PROWLED IN A DEADLY SEARCH FOR PREY! THEN ONE BLEAK NIGHT, THE STRANGER FOUND WHAT HE SOUGHT AND AT LAST, HE KEPT HIS **GRIM APPOINTMENT!**

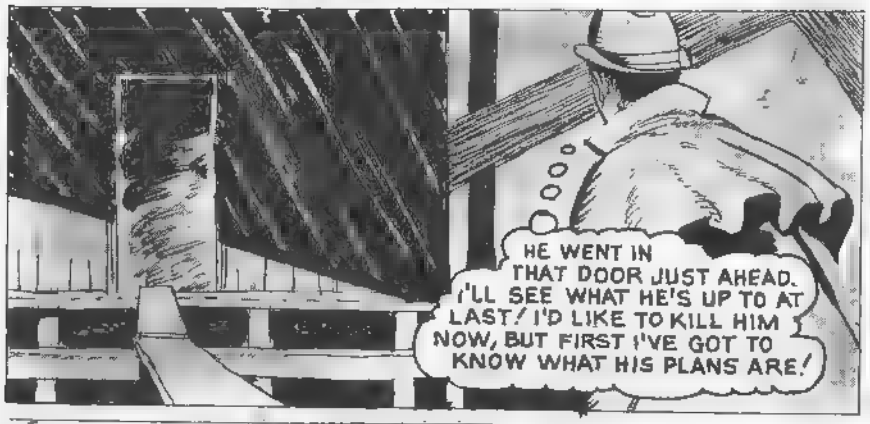


AND THEN ONE DAY, THE STRANGER SEES HIS QUARRY LEAVE THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR! HIMSELF UNSEEN, HE WATCHES FROM A DARKENED WINDOW AS A SMALL, RODENT-LIKE MAN SCURRIES FURTIVELY AWAY!
AT LAST! THE WAITING HAS BEEN WORTH WHILE... NOW I CAN BEGIN TO ENJOY MYSELF!
STEALTHILY, LIKE A GREAT CAT, THE STRANGER FOLLOWS THE LITTLE MAN...
HA, THE FOOL IS CONFIDENT! DOESN'T DREAM THAT HE'S BEING FOLLOWED! IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER IN THE END!
INTO AN EVEN POORER SECTION OF THE CITY THE STRANGER FOLLOWS! BOTH MEN ARE NOW SOAKED BY THE WIND LASHED RAIN!
SEEMS TO BE HEADED FOR THE WATERFRONT... HIS KIND ALWAYS SEEK OUT THE WATERFRONTS OF THE WORLD!
THE LITTLE MAN ROUNDS A CORNER AND STOPS, HIS NOSTRILS QUIVERING! HE ACTUALLY SEEMS TO SMELL THE DANGER! FOR A MOMENT HE SNIFFS THE AIR...
AND WHEN THE STRANGER TURNS THE SAME CORNER HE FINDS AN EMPTY STREET...
FOOLED ME! HE'S CLEVERER THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR! I WONDER IF HE COULD HAVE SMELLED ME!
LATER, THE STRANGER PACES HIS ROOM IN DEEP THOUGHT...
I'VE BEEN UNDERESTIMATING HIM, AND THAT'S ALWAYS A MISTAKE! I DON'T THINK HE KNEW I WAS FOLLOWING HIM!


A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AND ONCE MORE THE CHASE BEGINS...
IF HE WERE SUSPICIOUS, HE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO LOSE ME BEFORE NOW! MAYBE THIS IS THE NIGHT!

SO HE LEADS ME TO THIS OLD WAREHOUSE, BY THE WATER, AND NOW HE'S GOING DOWN THROUGH THAT TRAP-DOOR!

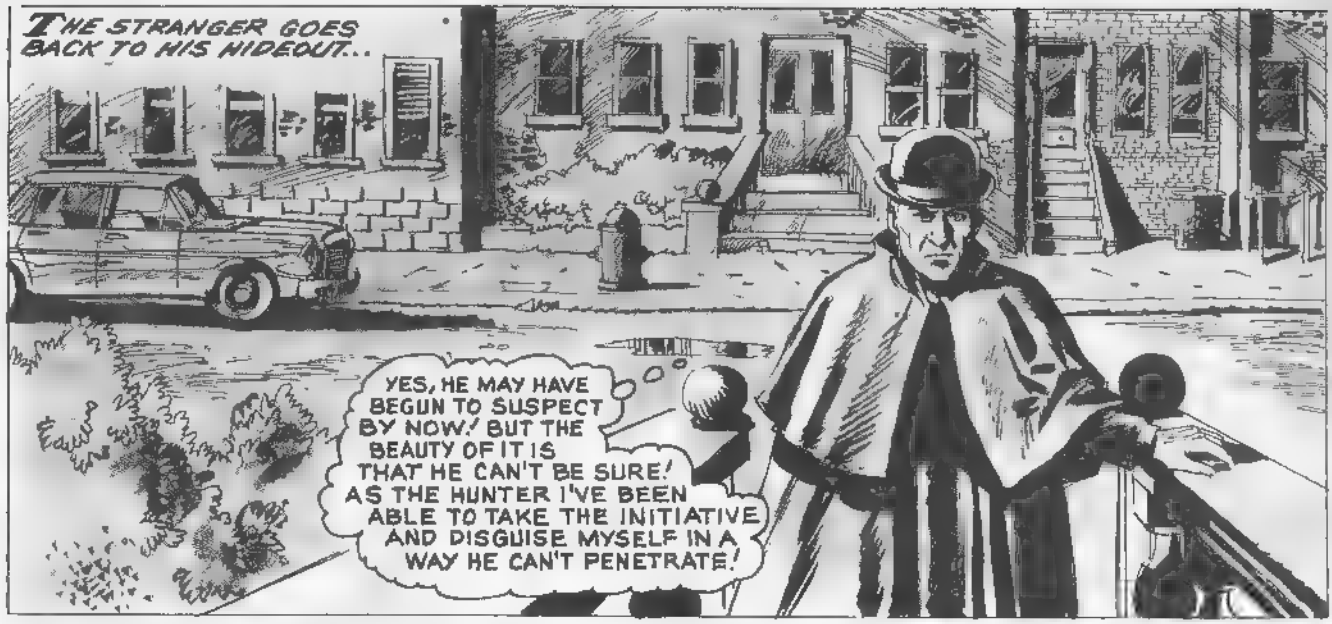
WE'RE DOWN UNDER THE DOCKS NOW, AND THERE HE IS! MOVES QUIETLY TOO! HA HA! ALMOST AS QUIETLY AS ME!


HE WENT IN THAT DOOR JUST AHEAD. I'LL SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO AT LAST! I'D LIKE TO KILL HIM NOW, BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT HIS PLANS ARE!

RATS! HUNDREDS OF RATS! WELL, THAT FIGURES! BUT AT LEAST I KNOW! I WAS RIGHT ABOUT HIM!

ONCE MORE THE LITTLE MAN SEEMS TO SCENT DANGER! HE SNIFFS THE AIR CAUTIOUSLY, THEN COMES THE FRIGHTENED SCAMPER OF RODENT FEET...

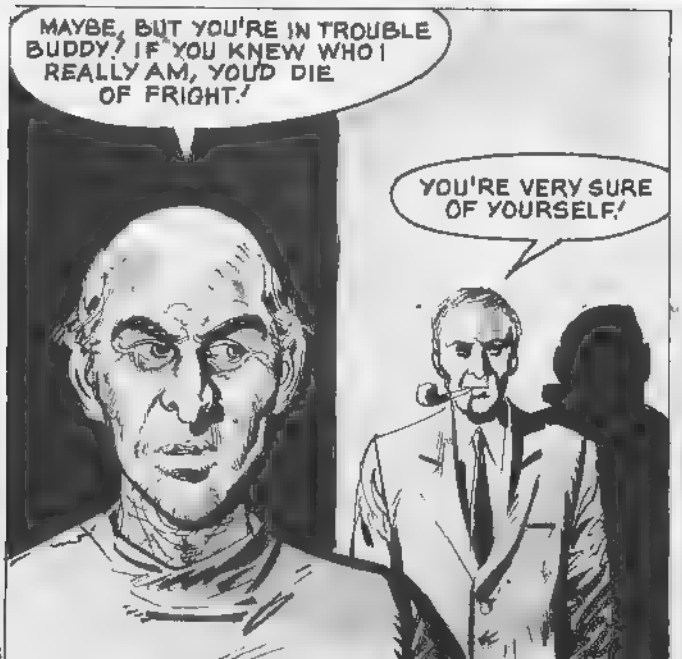
IN A FLASH THE ROOM IS EMPTY...
THAT TIME HE WAS DEFINITELY ALARMED,---AND HOW DID HE GET OUT?


THE STRANGER GOES BACK TO HIS HIDEOUT...
YES, HE MAY HAVE BEGUN TO SUSPECT BY NOW! BUT THE BEAUTY OF IT IS THAT HE CAN'T BE SURE! AS THE HUNTER I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND DISGUISE MYSELF IN A WAY HE CAN'T PENETRATE!

AS HE ENTERS HIS ROOM, HE SENSES INSTANTLY THAT HE IS NOT ALONE ..
SOMEONE IN HERE! IN THE CLOSET OBVIOUSLY!
ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN COME OUT OF THE CLOSET NOW!

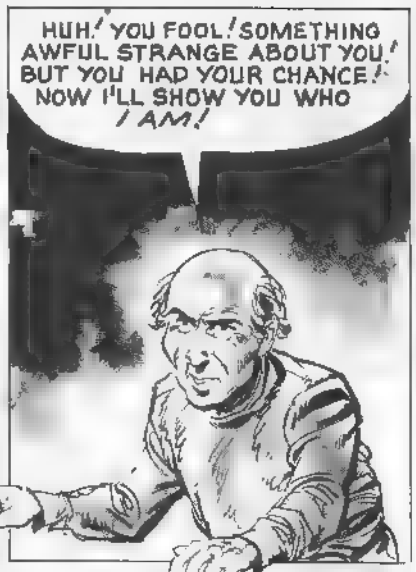
AT LAST THEY MEET FACE TO FACE...
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME, BUT TONIGHT I FOLLOWED YOU AND SLIPPED UP HERE BEFORE YOU!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU?

BECAUSE I SMELLED YOU, THAT'S WHY! MY SENSE OF SMELL IS VERY ACUTE! ONLY THERE'S SOMETHING PECULIAR ABOUT YOUR SMELL!
PECULIAR ABOUT MY SMELL... MAYBE I'VE PLANNED IT THAT WAY!


MAYBE, BUT YOU'RE IN TROUBLE BUDDY! IF YOU KNEW WHO I REALLY AM, YOU'D DIE OF FRIGHT!
YOU'RE VERY SURE OF YOURSELF!

I GOT A RIGHT TO BE! ME AND MY KIND ARE GONNA RULE THE WORLD! THERE'S MILLIONS OF US NOW, AND MORE EVERY DAY! SO, TAKE A TIP, STRANGER, AND GET OUT WHILE YOU CAN! I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME, BUT DON'T LET ME EVER SEE YOU AGAIN!

YOU'RE WRONG! YOU AND YOUR KIND WILL NEVER RULE THE WORLD WHILE I'M ALIVE!


HUH! YOU FOOL! SOMETHING AWFUL STRANGE ABOUT YOU! BUT YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU WHO I AM!

I ALREADY KNOW!
YEAH? WELL NOW YOU CAN BE SURE! BECAUSE I'M THE KING OF THE RATS- AND I'M GONNA GNAW ON YOU!

AND I AM THE KING OF THE CATS! I DISGUISED MY SMELL! BUT YOU COULDN'T HIDE YOURS!
YORWWW!

THE FIGHT IS SWIFT AND DEADLY...
ARRGHHH

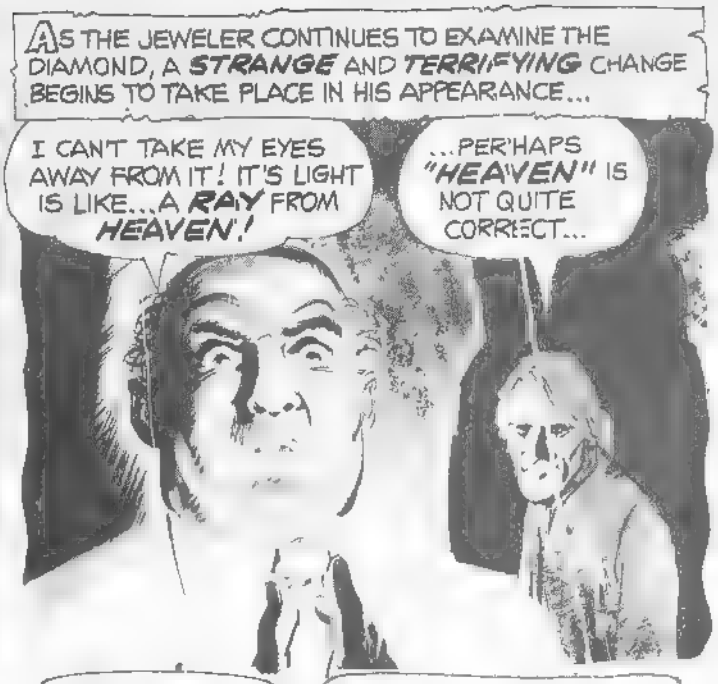
AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS I HAVE FOUND AND KILLED HIM! MY JOB IS DONE FOR NOW! BUT THERE ARE OTHER RAT KINGS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD! THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A NEW ONE! A SHARP FANGED CUNNING RAT KING! MY JOB IS TO KILL THE RAT KINGS!

AND THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER VANISHES INTO THE NIGHT...
I MUST GO TO LONDON AT ONCE! THERE IS BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!
THE END

HAHAHAHA
THE DIAMOND IS MINE!
MINE! MINE!
SATAN'S STONE!
OF ALL THE SINS OF MAN, NONE CORRODES THE SOUL LIKE GREED... FOR ONLY GREED GROWS INTO A NUMBING HORROR...

ON A STICKY SUMMER EVENING, A REPULSIVE WOMAN STANDS BEFORE JEWELER FELIX SCHILLER....
WHAT IS IT, OLD WOMAN?
YOU SHALL BE MORE FRIENDLY WHEN YOU SEE WHAT I HAVE BROUGHT!
BEHOLD! A DIAMOND! A GLITTERING, PERFECT BLUE-WHITE DIAMOND!
LET ME SEE IT! HOW IT SPARKLES!

YES! IT IS PERFECT! PERFECT! WHAT A MARVELOUS GEM!
IT IS A GEM OF... UNTOLD WONDERS!


AS THE JEWELER CONTINUES TO EXAMINE THE DIAMOND, A STRANGE AND TERRIFYING CHANGE BEGINS TO TAKE PLACE IN HIS APPEARANCE...
I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES AWAY FROM IT! IT'S LIGHT IS LIKE...A RAY FROM HEAVEN!
...PER'HAPS "HEAVEN" IS NOT QUITE CORRECT...

WHAT IS YOUR PRICE, OLD WOMAN? I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING!
YOU HAVE PAID FOR IT ALREADY!

WHAT DO YOU M.... YAHHH-H-H!
THERE! YOU CAN SEE THAT YOU OWE ME NOTHING! I COULD NEVER SELL MY PRECIOUS DIAMOND TO...ANYONE!

WHO ARE YOU? WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME THIS...DEVIL'S DIAMOND?!
FOOL! YOU ARE A FOOL LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! I SHALL TELL YOU OF THIS GEM...

THIS DIAMOND IS OF RARE ORIENTAL ORIGIN... ITS RAYS DESTROY THOSE CAUGHT IN THE GREED OF POSSESSION!

SUDDENLY, THE JEWELER TURNS ON HER...

SO BE IT! IF I AM TO BE DESTROYED, THEN SO SHALL YOU!! DIE!!!

AAA-GGHH!

AH, MY BEAUTY! SHINE ONLY FOR ME!! AND WHEN YOU SHINE ON, OTHERS, EAT AT THEIR FLESH AS YOU HAVE MINE!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

I AM MOST INTERESTED IN VERY RARE GEMS!

THE YOU SHALL SEE THE FINEST!

AHHH! WHAT A SUPERB DIAMOND! EVERY PART IS.... PERFECT!

I AM AFRAID THE PRICE IS MUCH LARGER THAN YOU THINK...IN FACT...

GAZE UPON THE COST IT HAS EXACTED FROM YOU! IS IT WORTH IT ??

MY FACE!! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY FACE ?

HORRIFIED AND UNBELIEVING, THE MERCHANT FLEES LIKE A DEMON POSSESSED!

HA! HA! HA! HA!

AS THE DAYS PASS, THE JEWELER, BRINGS MORE AND MORE VICTIMS INTO HIS TERRIBLE BROTHERHOOD OF GREED!...
UTTERLY BEAUTIFUL! AND YET IT FEELS SO STRANGE...ALMOST AS IF IT WERE ALIVE!...
...DISGUST FOR SUCH AS YOU...AND I!! BEHOLD!!
WH...ARGH-H-H

WITH MANIACAL PERSISTENCE, SCHILLER WREAKS THE CORRODING POWER OF THE DIAMOND UPON ALL WHO WISH TO GAZE UPON IT...
AND THEN ONE EVENING...
YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL, OLD WOMAN! YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUMAN HEART! GREED RULES THE WORLD!

...MY HANDS!! THEY'VE WITHERED AWAY INTO HIDEOUS CLAWS! I DIDN'T NOTICE!
AND MY BODY TOO! IT'S BEGINNING TO DISINTEGRATE LIKE MY FACE...

BUT IF MY BODY CRUMBLES, THEN I SHALL LOSE THE DIAMOND! WHEN I AM A SKELETON--THEY WILL COME FOR IT!!

HORRIFIED BY THE THOUGHT OF THE CREEPING DEATH, THE JEWELER SITS, CLUTCHING THE DEVIL'S DIAMOND!
I--CAN'T--MOVE!--I CAN ONLY SIT HERE--BUT I'LL NEVER GIVE IT UP! NEVER!

THEN ONE NIGHT, THE GREEDY VICTIMS OF THE DIAMOND SUDDENLY APPEAR!
THERE HE IS! HOW HE SMILES TO THINK THE DIAMOND IS HIS! WE SHALL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH TONIGHT!

WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME NOW? I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU!!
N A MATTER OF MINUTES YOU SHALL BECOME A FETID CORPSE--AND THEN THE DIAMOND WILL BE YOURS NO LONGER!!

LIKE BIRDS OF PREY PLUCKING AT A HUMAN BODY, THE MEN DANCE ABOUT THE DYING SCHILLER, THEIR EYES FASTENED ON THE GLITTERING DOOM IN HIS WITHERING HANDS!
NEVER! THE DIAMOND IS MINE! THE DIAMOND IS M----AAGH-H-H!

NOBODY ELSE SHALL HAVE IT! IT BELONGS TO ME!
NO!! IT'S MINE!

AND THEN, AN UNHOLY BATTLE BEGINS... AS THE DESPERATE AND DYING CREATURES USE ALL THEIR WANING STRENGTH IN A MAD DESIRE FOR THE DIAMOND!..
MINE!
MINE!
I'VE GOT IT!
AT LAST!! I HAVE IT! NOBODY SHALL EVER TAKE IT FROM ME! NOBODY!!
BUT AS THE DEALER IN DIAMONDS SHOUTS HIS TRIUMPH, HIS DOOM SWIFTLY DESCENDS TO DEVOUR HIS BODY...
A... HUMAN SKELETON!! BUT HOW DID IT EVER...??
A SHORT WHILE LATER..
HARRIET! L--LOOK!! A DIAMOND! SOMEONE MUST HAVE LOST IT!
OH, BERNARD! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
WITH THE GREED SHINING IN THEIR EYES LIKE THE UNHOLY LIGHT OF THE DIAMOND, THE YOUNG COUPLE MOVE SLOWLY TOWARDS...
LET'S NOT TELL ANYONE, HARRIET! THE DIAMOND IS OURS!
YES, OF COURSE!! IT'S...OURS!!...
The End

WHEN THEY MEET THE VAMPIRE
MOST OF US, WHO WALK IN BRIGHT SUNSHINE OF LIFE SUSPECT NOTHING OF THE HORRORS THAT LIE JUST BEYOND THE EDGE OF DARKNESS, WHERE FETID MISTS HANG LIKE SHROUDS FOR DAMNED SOULS, AND DEMONS MOAN IN THE ETERNAL NIGHT! BUT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE TERRIBLE JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN, THERE IS ONLY EVERLASTING TERROR!
DOCTOR JOHN AMES, PSYCHIATRIST, IS ABOUT TO INTERVIEW A NEW PATIENT...
MRS. HODGE BEGINS HER TREATMENT TODAY NURSE! SHOW HER IN AS SOON AS SHE ARRIVES!
SHE'S HERE NOW, DOCTOR!
DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE'S DORIS HODGE, THE FAMOUS MOVIE STAR! I'VE SEEN HER IN A LOT OF PICTURES!
YES, I KNOW! BUT SHOW HER IN, PLEASE!

SO...
HELLO, MRS. HODGE! COME IN, PLEASE! JUST MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE!
THANK YOU, DOCTER! I DO HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME!
IT TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE TO COME HERE, DOCTOR! I HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN TAKING THIS STEP!
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT!
WELL, AS YOU MAY KNOW, I AM IN PICTURES! AND LATELY- THEY SEEM TO LET ME PLAY NOTHING BUT HORROR ROLES! I'VE BEEN A VAMPIRE IN MY FIVE PICTURES AND...
SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT- Y-YOU'RE CHANGING...
YES-NOW YOU SEE! I KEEP CHANGING INTO A (GASP) VAMPIRE!
I WANT BLOOD! I MUST HAVE IT OR I'LL GO MAD! ARRRGGG--
MRS. HODGE! YOU- SHE'S FAINTING, PASSING OUT!
GOOD GRIEF- SHE'S COMING AFTER ME!
I- I WANT UHHHHHHHH-

SHE'S OUT COLD! A VERY STRANGE CASE INDEED - I'D CALL IT HYPER-INDUCED VAMPIRISM! PROBABLY NOT A TRUE VAMPIRE, BUT THE MOVIE ROLLS SHE PLAYS BRING THEM TO THE SURFACE!
I - WHERE-- IT - IT HAPPENED AGAIN!
YES, MRS. HODGE BUT DON'T WORRY I THINK I CAN HELP YOU!
HELP ME? OH, HOW I HOPE SO! IT'S BEEN SO HORRIBLE -
BUT SUCH THINGS CAN BE CURED!
BUT THE CURE WILL BE LONG AND EXPENSIVE! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A PRIVATE SANITARIUM OF MINE!
LATE THAT NIGHT...
NOT MUCH FARTHER NOW, MRS. HODGE! JUST OVER THE CREST THERE!
OHH - IT'S SO DARK AND LONELY HERE! I'M A LITTLE FRIGHTENED!
NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! SEE, THERE AHEAD! THAT'S MY PLACE!
IT LOOKS SO GLOOMY!
I-I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE IT HERE! BETTER GO BACK...
NONSENSE, MRS. HODGE! YOU'RE IN A BAD WAY, YOU KNOW! YOU NEED TREATMENT AT ONCE!

THE DOOR SLOWLY CREAKS OPEN...
GOOD EVENING, DOCTOR! I SEE WE HAVE ANOTHER -PATIENT!
YES, IGOR. THIS IS MRS. HODGE. SHOW HER TO HER ROOM!
UGHHH- WHAT A MONSTER! WHAT SORT OF A PLACE IS THIS?
GOOD NIGHT, MRS. HODGE! SEE YOU IN THE MORNING!
THIS WAY, PLEASE! YOU'RE ON THE TOP FLOOR!
GOOD N-NIGHT DOCTOR!
LATER, AS THE DOCTOR SITS IN HIS STUDY...
SEE HER IN THE MORNING, EH? HAH-HAH! UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS I'LL SEE HER LONG BEFORE, MORNING!
GET HER ALL FIXED UP, IGOR?
YES DOCTOR, JUST AS YOU IN-STRUCTED! THE HOUSE IS EMPTY!
GOOD! GO TO BED AND STAY THERE! NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR, STAY IN YOUR ROOM!
YES, DOCTOR! GOOD NIGHT!
WELL, IT SHOULDN'T BE LONG NOW! WITH HER TENDENCIES, AND IN THIS ATMOSPHERE OF GLOOM, SHE SHOULD BE CHANGING INTO A VAMPIRE ANY MOMENT!

THE MOMENTS SLIDE PAST AND THE DOCTOR WAITS AND AND LISTENS! THEN...
AHH-AT LAST! I THINK I HEAR HER ON THE STAIRS!
COME IN MRS. HODGE! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU FOR AN HOUR! NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...
AGRRRR-AHHHHHHH- I'LL KILL YOU! I-WANT-YOUR-
NOT SO FAST, MY DEAR! I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, EXACTLY, BUT YOU WON'T GET IT!
I'LL GET IT TOO! YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME!
THEN COME CLOSER-
HA-HAH-FOOL! YOU DON'T EVEN STRUGGLE! YOU KNOW IT'S USELESS!
ALL WRONG! YOU ARE NOT A REAL VAMPIRE!
WHILE I AM A REAL VAMPIRE! AND SO I'M THE STRONGER! HA-HAH-HAH! NOW WHO WINS? HEE-HEE-HEE...
-OH, NO...
OH, YES! NO-HO-HO! AND NOW MY DEAR...
EEEEEEKKK-OHHHHHH-AHHHHHH-
THE END

TWICE DEAD
MOLLY KELLY WANTED ONLY ONE THING OUT OF LIFE.. MONEY! WHEN HER GRIM SHIP FINALLY CAME IN SHE FOUND IT CARRIED THE SPECTRE OF THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE...
A QUIET STREET SEES THE BEGINNING OF SUDDEN VIOLENCE...
HURRY! HURRY, JOE! BEFORE THE COPS COME ALONG!
C'MON, YOU GUYS! FORK IT OVER!
D-DON'T SHOOT!
GO FOR A GUN, WILL YA!
OHH MY CHEST!

AFTER DUE PROCESS OF LAW, JOE IS SENTENCED TO DIE FOR THE DEATH OF A BANK GUARD! BUT ONE DAY...

JOE, DARLING! I'M SORRY I LEFT YOU, BUT IF YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU HID THE MONEY..
YOU'LL HIRE A GOOD LAWYER, HUH! HA, DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
TELL YA →CHUCKLE← WHAT I'LL DO! GET ME OUT OF THIS AND YA CAN HAVE HALF!
AND COMES THE INEVITABLE NIGHT OF EXECUTION... AN INFERNO OF SWIRLING ACRID GASES SOON END JOE'S SORDID LIFE...

LATER IN THE PRISON MORGUE...
LET'S SKIP THE AUTOPSY, MIKE, MY HEAD IS SPLITTING!
OKAY, DOC, HE'S DEAD ENOUGH!

LATER...
YOU JUST SIGN A PAPER, SAYING YOU CLAIMED THE BODY, MISS!
OKAY, ONLY HURRY!
COST ME PLENTY TO GET THAT DOC TO SKIP THE AUTOPSY, BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT, I HOPE!

THAT NIGHT IN A LONELY MOUNTAIN SPOT...
NOW TO GET TO WORK! IF I CAN JUST BRING JOE BACK TO LIFE!
BRR- I FEEL LIKE A GHOUL ROBBING A GRAVE! TRYING TO BRING A CORPSE TO LIFE!
LONG ENOUGH TO GET THE SECRET OUT OF HIM, THEN WE'LL SEE (CHUCKLE) WHAT HAPPENS!
HERE GOES...THE ONE ANTIDOTE FOR THIS KIND OF POISON GAS!
THERE! I'VE DONE ALL I CAN! NOW WE'LL SEE... JOE... CAN YOU HEAR ME, JOE?
SUDDENLY...
IT WORKED!
HUH! Y-YOU! BUT HOW? T-THEY KILLED ME! I WAS IN THE GAS CHAMBER!
JOE FORGIVES ALL AND THEY MAKE PLANS! JOE DRAWS A MAP OF THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE!
YOU GO TO THE PARK AND GET THE DOUGH! I'LL HOLE UP HERE!
OKAY! I'LL START RIGHT AWAY!

BUT FIRST I GOT TO SEND YOU BACK TO THE MORGUE, JOE!
GOODBYE AGAIN!
AAAGHH!
NOW TO GET THE DOUGH AND SCRAM OUT OF TOWN... MAYBE I'LL GO TO RIO!
HERE IT IS AT LAST! ALL MINE! THOUSANDS!
BUT SOMETHING MOVES BEHIND HER...
HUH! WHO ARE YOU?
GOING SOME-WHERE, BABY?
YOU SHOULDA MADE SURE I WAS DEAD!
N-NO! DON'T, JOE! I DIDN'T MEAN IT, I SWEAR! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY!

THIS IS IT, MOLLY, YA CROOKED LITTLE BUM! I'LL KILL YA!

NOW, SEE HOW YOU LIKE TO DIE!
EEEEEEE

IN YA GO, SWEETHEART! HAVE A NICE LONG SLEEP! I'LL BE SEEING YA SOON!

AND HERE'S THE DOUGH! I WON'T BE ÷GASP÷ NEEDING IT! ALL YOURS!

CAN'T GO MUCH FARTHER! I'M ÷COUGH÷ DYING!

LATER...
HERE'S ONE WE'LL NEVER SOLVE, BOYS! IF ONLY THEY COULD TALK!
THAT'S ONE THING THEY'LL NEVER DO!
END

WEIRD FACTS
NOW, WHAT MAKES YOU DELIGHTFUL GHOULISH FIENDS THINK I'M PUTTING YOU ON?---DID YOU KNOW THAT UNTIL RECENT TIMES, NO MAN WITH THE NAME OF GEORGE, HAD EVER BEEN HANGED?---THINK I'M SPOOFING YOU?--THEN, CHECK THE RECORD!--AND SPEAKING OF RECORDS, HERE ARE SOME RECIPES TAKEN FROM AN APOTHECARY'S PERSCRIPTION BOOK!
HUMAN SKULLS
REDUCED TO POWDER and MIXED WITH RED WINE WERE RECOMMENDED FOR THE CURING OF EPILEPSY and DYSENTERY.
... DRINK,--ANYONE?
COFFIN RINGS
WHEN DUG OUT OF A GRAVE
... WILL CURE RHEUMATISM!
... DO YOUR BONES HURT?
--HMMMN?
IF ... A FRUIT TREE BLOOMS and FRUITS TWICE IN A SEASON, A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OWNING THE TREE, WILL DIE BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT!
.... BE MY GUEST! ENJOY! ENJOY!
TILL NEXT WE MEET.

FACTS FOR GHOULS

I'M JUST RETURNING FROM THE APOTHECARY, WHERE I LEARNED QUITE A BIT ABOUT CURES! --YOU THERE! STOP SNICKERING! NOW LISTEN! ...DID YOU KNOW THAT---

IRISH HEALING STONES

WORK WONDERS FOR MINOR ACHES AND PAINS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD EXCEPT- *ENGLAND!*

(AND THAT AINT BLARNEY!)

NOT TOO LONG A
A GLASS CAN
HUNG FROM A CEILING, PROTECTE ANY HOUSE FRON ILLNESS and BAD LU FAILURE TO CLEA THE ROD EACH D RESULTED IN DISE BAD LUCK and EV DEATH!
(HEY, DID YOU CLEAN YOUR TODAY?.... HMM

--AN OLD WIVES CURE FOR PAINFUL ARTHRITIS WAS TO RUB A GOLD WATCH OVER THE SWOLLEN AREA, ... *AND THE PAIN STOPPED!* **TODAY**, DOCTORS GIVE ARTHRITIS PATIENTS GOLD INJECTIONS TO STOP THE PAIN!

(P.S. NEVER MENTION THIS TO A DOCTOR, HE'LL SEND YOU TO A HEAD SHRINKER... ....A *JIVARO EXPERT!*)